

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
Department of Recreation and Parks

MIGHTY MITES YOUTH BASKETBALL
GRADES 2-3 LEAGUE RULES
2011-2012

I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- A. Boys born 9/1/03 – 8/31/04 entering 2nd grade
Boys born 9/1/02 – 8/31/03 entering 3rd grade
Girls born 9/1/02 – 8/31/04 entering 2nd and 3rd grade (combined)

II. PLAYING RULES

- B. Forfeiture of Games
 - 1. If one or both teams do not have at least five eligible players, a forfeiture is declared ten minutes after the scheduled game time.
- C. Length of Games
 - 1. Mighty-Mites: The length of game is 32 minutes-four 8 minutes quarters. The clock stops for free throws, charged team time-outs and official time-outs. All time outs are 30 seconds.
 - 2. Playing Time: Each player must play a minimum of half the game. It is recommended that each player play 1 quarter in each half. The goal is to have equal playing time for all players. If a team has 12 players, please rotate players as equally as possible. For example: with 12 players at a game, 2 players will play a few minutes less than half the game. The next week, 2 different players should play less than half the game, and so on. No child should play every quarter every game.

There will be two (2) minutes between each quarter and a four (4) minute halftime. (Games will start and end on time.)

- D. Overtime Periods
 - 1. Scores will not be kept. No overtime periods.
- E. Coach(es) Bench Decorum: The head coach or his designee will be permitted on the court during play for coaching and/or instructional purposes. However, coaches cannot interfere with the players or referee and should stay along the sidelines.
- F. Free-Throw Line
 - 1. Mighty Mites: The free-throw line shall have its farthest edge ten feet from the plane of the face of the backboard.
- G. Lane Violations
 - Mighty-Mites: There will be a 5-second lane violation. **First violation is a warning; second violation will result in a change of possession.**

H. Takeovers

1. Offensive takeovers will occur during the first half of the first three games. Any offensive violations after the third scheduled game will result in a turnover.

I. Full-Court Press

1. Mighty-Mites: There will be NO full-court press during the backcourt “throw-ins” and the defensive team may not press until the offensive team crosses line designated past mid court and sets up near the key area. However, the offensive team must advance the ball past mid court within 15 seconds after the throw in. Backcourt violations **will not** be called.

2. Once a team has control of a rebound after a shot, the opponent **must** drop back beyond mid court behind the designated line before setting up in a defensive position. Again, no pressing will be allowed.

Note: Defense can’t step or reach across designated line for the purpose of stealing the ball.

- J. Man-to-man defense is mandatory for the first half of the season (through Jan. 21 games). Man-to-man defense is optional for the second half of the season, but is highly recommended.

K. Game Balls

1. Mighty-Mites: Junior size.

L. Basket Height

1. 2nd and 3rd grade girl’s teams will be combined. These teams will use 8 ½ foot high baskets. 2nd grade boy’s teams will use 8 ½ foot high baskets.
2. 3rd grade boy’s teams will use 10’ foot high baskets (standard height).

- M. Court Size: Games will be played on full courts.

N. Time Outs

1. Each team can use (2) time outs per half. (30 seconds)

- O. Players shall be assigned officially on the roster of only one (1) team in the league.

- P. The site supervisor will have the final say on any issues that may arise before, during and after all games.

III. GENERAL LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

- A. Team roster and Fees

1. Each coach must submit a department issued team roster including players' names, addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates and uniform numbers.
2. Teams should have team rosters and *Agreement to Participate/Release forms* submitted to Recreation Department prior to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, December 20.
3. **Any team not turning in above forms by the first games (January 7) will not be allowed to participate.**